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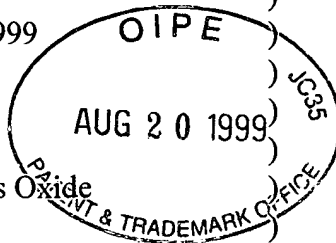
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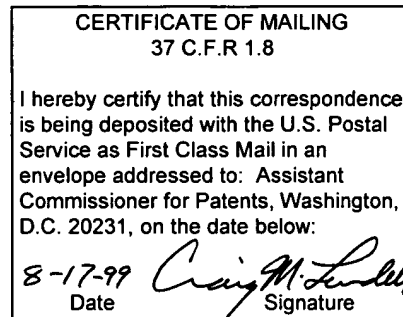


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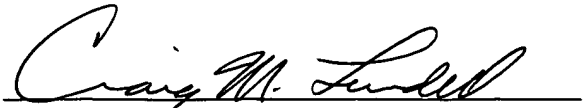


under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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